

Twyford and Ruscombe Local History Society Minutes AGM 2017

Minutes of the 40th Annual General Meeting held at the Piggott School on Monday 13th March 2017 at 7.45.pm.

The Chairman, James Fort, welcomed members.

45 members in attendance

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Pauline . Humphreys..

2. Minutes of AGM 2016

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting, March 14th 2016 were read, approved, and signed after being proposed by Rosemary Pratt and seconded by Denise Wilkin.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reminded us that this was the 40th anniversary of the society which had been inaugurated on March 7th 1977. We had had eight enjoyable talks throughout the year which had been well attended. The Visits Secretary, Doreen Scott had organised two excellent outings. On April 2nd we enjoyed a most interesting day at Arundel Castle and later in September we visited the Royal Pavilion in Brighton.

This year a visit to Down House, the home of Charles Darwin is planned, followed by a trip to Hughendon Manor on September 8th.

The highlight of the year was the publication of ' Twyford and Ruscombe through the Ages' which has been very well received..

Audrey Curtis is standing down after many years as Secretary of the Society and will be replaced by Jean Poulter, who has kindly agreed to undertake this role along with that of Membership Secretary. Peter Burrows, our Vice Chairman will continue as Minutes Secretary. Audrey Curtis was thanked for her work on behalf of the society and presented with a gift voucher.

The Chairman concluded by thanking all the Management Committee for their hard work throughout the year, .

5. Financial Report and Statement of Accounts

The accounts were presented by Lesley Jarvis, our Treasurer. Currently we have total cash of £11,032,75 Last year we had a surplus of £9,373, helped by the sales of the book, a very satisfactory result considering the increasing costs and the continued decrease in interest rates on our

savings accounts The chairman thanked Lesley Jarvis for her work on our behalf. The full report is posted on the website.

The report was accepted. Proposed by Doreen Scott and Seconded by Peter Burrows.

6. Appointment of Hon. Auditor

Neil Patchin was reappointed as auditor. Mr. Patchin has received a small token of our appreciation.

7. Report by Honorary Secretary

The report is posted on the website and accepted unanimously.

8. Report of Editorial Committee

In the absence of the editor, the report was read by Peter Burrows. It is also available on the website. The report was accepted unanimously.

a. Election of Chairman

James Fort agreed to stand again for re-election. Proposed by Doreen Scott, seconded by Peter Burrows and carried unanimously.

b. Election of Vice-Chairman

Peter Burrows was re-elected unanimously.

10. Election of Management Committee

The existing members of the Management Committee agreed to stand for a further year (Audrey Curtis, Lesley Jarvis, Jean Poulter, Doreen Scott, Graham Starkie, Gerry Wise). They were re-elected en bloc, proposed by Rosemary Pratt, seconded by Denise Wilkin. The proposal was carried unanimously.

11. AOB

a. It was proposed by the Chairman that the subscription for the year 2017-8 should remain at the same rate as this year; £18 for single membership, £23 for joint membership. A student rate was fixed at £15, visitors £3 a visit. This was accepted unanimously.

b. Alms Houses

Planning permission had been given to provide a board detailing the history of the houses at the entrance to the Grove. Gerry Wise was seeking the approval of the Trustees of the Hurst Charity. If given the Society would make a contribution towards the cost.

12. Next Meeting

The 41st AGM will take place on March 12th 2018 at 7.45pm

The formal meeting closed at 8.25pm , after which there was a short talk by Janine Ashby

‘On ,My life in France during World War 11’, followed by drinks and nibbles.